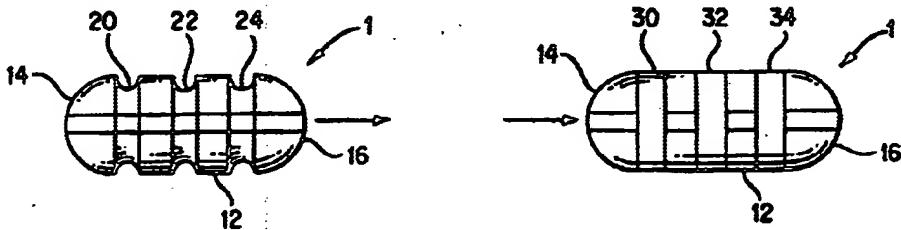




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(54) Title: **METHOD OF FABRICATING A BANDED PROLONGED RELEASE ACTIVE AGENT DOSAGE FORM**

(57) Abstract

The present invention is directed to an active agent dosage form and methods of its fabrication which is useful for the prolonged delivery of an active agent formulation to a fluid environment of use. The active agent dosage form is a matrix that has on its surface one or more insoluble bands located in complementary grooves. The invention is also directed to articles of manufacture, methods and systems for fabricating the active agent dosage form.